

They call her Twirp, but she's a real doll

K mart 7458, Lee's Summit, MO — Dana Burton, sporting goods, recently placed first in the handmade doll competition at the Missouri State Fair in Sedalia, Missouri.

Dana's first place winner was a creation of porcelain, handmade in her home. This was the highest finish to date for Dana, a two-year veteran of dollmaking. In 1981, she placed third in the same competition.

"I am what may be termed a 'do-it-yourselfer,'" said Dana. "Dollmaking helps me to relax after a hard day's work."

When the doll, affectionately named "Twirp," arrived at the State Fair, Burton knew she was up against strong competition.

"I seriously thought that Twirp might place as high as second, maybe even first. There was one strong challenger that I thought would win it. I was overjoyed when I heard the news that 'we' won the title. When she started out in October of last year as just another doll, I had a feeling that she would be something special and she was."

Dana has been involved in the art of dollmaking ever since she saw her first doll at

Santa-Cali-Gen Days, an annual arts and crafts festival. She then began taking lessons but her first try at this new art form was not completely successful.

"While I was working on my first doll, I was seriously asking myself how I ever got into this, but when I finished her I was so proud of myself that I attempted another one and was hooked," Dana said. "I make dolls now for the enjoyment that I get out of it. Dollmaking is something that you can share with yourself and others."



"Twirp", a porcelain doll made by Dana Burton, K mart 7458, Lee's Summit, MO.



MaryAnn Hanson (center) of K mart 4051, Eau Claire, WI., holds Tazma, the magical wand that she and her daughter created. On either side of her are merchandise manager, Tom Church's children, Jesse and Brent.

It's magic

K mart 4051, Eau Claire, WI — Tazma might not mean anything to you, but to the employees at 4051 Tazma has a special magical meaning.

MaryAnn Hanson, general office bookkeeper, and her daughter Gail Chapman are the creators of Tazma's magic wands. They were inspired about four years ago when they visited the Renaissance Festival.

The festival is located in Shakopee, Minnesota, southwest of the Twin Cities. They wanted to make something unique and that would warm the hearts of the young.

Thus, Tazma's magic wand was created.

To become part of the Festival, one must apply. The application is then looked over very carefully. Preparation is a year long event.

In making the wands, each is hand sewn, stuffed, placed on a dowel and a note is attached explaining the magic of Tazma's wand.

Tazma is an absent-minded sorcerer.

Puerto Rican queen

K mart 4154, North Aurora, IL — Lydia Romero was crowned Queen of the Puerto Rican Community of Aurora, Illinois. She has been an employee at 4154 since May, 1981 and was crowned in June of this year.

Lydia rode with her court on the lead float in the Puerto Rican Parade which was held in downtown Aurora.

Fund raisers

K mart 9513, Corbin, KY — Employees and their families put

up a fight against muscle diseases that was an outstanding show of human concern.

They raised \$22,096 and presented it on television to Jerry Lewis' Telethon. Store Manager Carl Heton and some other employees were present.

Money for this cause was raised by bake sales, a two day rummage sale, cotton candy sales, two car washes and one day the employees stood out in the hot sun to collect at road blocks set up in front of the store. There were also two raffles for Raggedy Ann and Andy dolls and a large fern.

The guiding blue light

K mart 9082, Durant, OK — One night when business began to slow down, Estell Shoopman did a blue light special at the front of the store. Just as she closed the blue light, two ladies rushed into the store and asked, "Are we too late for the special?"

They explained that they were from Dallas, Texas on route to Atoka, Oklahoma and saw the blue light from the freeway.

Estell told them that they could still purchase the item at the special price, so they bought several and went on their way.

Hawaii winner

K mart 4218, Appleton, WI — Is winning just by chance? Is it all luck or is some skill necessary? K mart 4218 has in its midst a number of winners, reports Bette Jane Koeffler.

Georgia Waters entered a contest on radio station WYNE entitled, "Tell a friend about WYNE."

She told all of her coworkers

at K mart about it and sent in 20 cards with three names on each one. When Georgia's card was drawn, the radio station called each person to verify that they had been given this information by her.

Marge Weiss, Joan Killian and Betty Pocket were the names on the winning card. Georgia was working the night the station called to inform her that she had won a one week expenses paid trip to Hawaii.

For one month the recorded conversation of the announcer telling Georgia that she had won the contest was played on the air including the "Thank you for calling K mart. May I help you?"

Dance-a-thon

K mart 3387, Chalmette, LA — Eddie Isbell danced for those who can't, reports Evelyn Rieffel.

For 17 non-stop hours, Eddie danced and raised \$600 for the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

Eddie approached some of his fellow workers at 3387 explaining that a Dance-A-Thon was being held at a local establishment during the Labor Day weekend for MDA. He wanted to participate and needed people to sponsor him. He explained that a sponsor pledged an "X" amount of money per hours that he would dance.

Eddie's appeal was answered by 66 of his fellow workers and 35 other friends for a total of 101 sponsors.

The local establishment awarded certificates to Dance-A-Thon participants. Eddie was awarded a special certificate for raising the most money.



K mart 4216, St. Louis, MO — Recently, 4216 was honored by the Mehlville School District for their continued cooperation in the C.O.E. (Cooperative Occupational Education) program offered at Mehlville High School. This store joined the program in 1970. The first student at the time was Christine Craig. Christine still works for the store and is now full time in the garden-patio area. Above, Store Manager D. W. Gude, left, is accepting a plaque from Superintendent of Mehlville School District Dr. Thomas Blades. The inscription on the plaque reads: K mart in appreciation for dedicated service to the Mehlville School District 1982.